

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated February 11, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Stebler et al. (WO 00/03288)(Stebler). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Section 102(a) of Title 35 states:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless . . . (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by applicant for patent

Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), Stebler is not available as prior art against the present application. The present application claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 1999-065038, which was filed on December 29, 1999, which is before the publication date of the cited Stebler reference, January 20, 2000. Thus, Applicants submit that Stebler is not available as prior art. Applicants file herewith a certified translation of the Korean Patent Application to perfect this claim.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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